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## Form for Evaluating Internet Information Resources

(NOTE: This form is not for evaluating productivity software/sites, how-to sites, definition pages, simulation games/sites, educational software/games/sites, or any other Web site except a narrative text, encyclopedia-type information page)

1. **URL of Web page being evaluated:** <http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Characters/HowlsMovingCastle>
2. **Primary use (students, teacher, parent, other,...):** To read more about the characters of Howl's Moving Castle. If the students (or the parents, etc) were really interested, they could find differences between the movie characters and the book characters just from this website.

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*Questions 3-9 are about the site that is hosting your page.*

3. **Truncate the URL of the Web page. What is the domain name of the Web site?** Tvtropes.org
4. **What is the name of Web site?** Tv Tropes
5. **What is the purpose or goal of this Web site?** These are the main goals:
  - a. The wiki is about troupes used to tell stories
  - b. We will be accessible and fun to read
  - c. The wiki is for reaching the reader
  - d. In order to be accessible, we cannot be locked into a specific fandom's viewpoint
6. **What organization or individual created this site?** It seems like a group of friends, but I can't be sure.
7. **What affiliations/partners does this site have?** wikisites
8. **What kind of bias does this site have? (Note: every site has a bias, you just have to be aware of what that bias is and be prepared to defend it or present information from other viewpoints.)** This site tries it's very best not to be biased. I think the bias is towards nerds and being funny
9. **What other types of organizations link to this site? (Using the Google search engine, type *link:* and the Web site address (example: *link:www.website.com* ) )** Mostly to itself, but there are a few picture sites (read, reddit) that link to it too.
10. **Is there a way to provide feedback on the Web site and create an exchange with the author or Web site manager?** Oh yes! Anyone can be a page editor once you get approved (I think) and there are ways to talk to workers online.

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*Questions 10-12 are about the specific page that has information for your project/unit:*

11. **Who is the author of the page and does that person have valid credentials to present this information (the creator of the site is not always the author of a page within the site)?** I don't see an author to the page.

12. **What other references are cited for the information presented?** There's so many different references I don't think I can state them all.
13. **How old is the material on the page? Is it current or outdated (copyright year is not the same as the last update)?** It doesn't say
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*Final evaluation questions:*

14. **Are there ads linked to the page or the site that might make this page inappropriate for your audience? Are the ads “sticky” or static? If there are no ads, how is this Web site paid for (where do they get their money)?** There are ads, and I think they're sticky? I could see them with my adblocker on at least. When I turned off adblocker, however, no new adds showed up. I know they get revenue from ads (the about the creators page mentioned it), but I don't see many at all. The ones that do show up are mostly kid friendly. There's one that matches you up to a character in a romantic way? It almost seems like a buzzfeed “Which Character Would Date You” website. It has an aspect of social media to it, so that might not be appropriate. One leads to a website where you can watch TV shows, and the other tells you about a comic that someone makes specifically for the website.
15. **Is there other content on the site that appears affiliated with the information you've selected that might make this page inappropriate (a Web site with great tutorials on how to make good movies with sections on how to make a documentary, a biography, an infomercial, etc. might also have a tutorial on making an inappropriate movie)?** Maybe? This website is so huge, I don't know where I would even start to find inappropriate things. The website has people who go around making sure that doesn't happen: 5P, or P5, stands for "Posse for the Prevention of Pedophilia and Pure Porn", or alternatively "Panel to Purge Pornography, Paedophilia and Perversity", or perhaps "Panel Preventing Perversity, Pornography and Paedoshit". You know what, no one's really sure anymore.
16. **Reviewing your answers above, is this a good page/site to use for your project/unit? Why or why not? (NOTE: Some questions above may not apply to your page; there is no rule as to how many “correct” answers are needed for a page to be good or what constitutes a “bad” page. You just need to be able to justify your choices and the information above can provide good support.)** I think this is a great page in general. I plan on perusing it when I have some free time. I also think it could be helpful to my students. They can go more in-depth about the characters in their podcast while having fun.